

# The Oasis

Saturday, June 4, 1910

## ARIZONA NEWS.

An Interesting Column of Items Culled From Territorial Exchanges.

Arizona Democrat: Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger has sent his sanction to the Maricopa County Water Users' Association of the plan to complete the Roosevelt irrigation project by the building of cross-cut canals to develop electrical power. Ballinger clearly states that he looks upon the plan with favor and as soon as it is submitted to him in detailed form will give it careful consideration.

Phoenix Gazette: The clipping of the ostrich feathers from the birds at the ranch of Dr. A. J. Chandler and practically the entire shipment of feathers has gone to the Cawston Ostrich Feather Company in Los Angeles. Dr. Chandler has 150 birds that are plume bearing, and many young ones, besides several that are now in the process of hatching. The next plucking will take place in about eight months, it taking that length of time for the feathers to grow to their full size.

Arizona Republican: C. T. Hirst of the Dwight B. Heard office returned yesterday from a trip to Mesa. He commented on agricultural conditions in that section of the valley. "I have never seen," he said, "such fine fields of grain anywhere in the United States as are to be found there. There is one big field, that produced last year 3650 pounds of wheat to the acre. I saw that field last year before it was harvested and it really looks better this year than it did then."

Arizona Republican: Alfalfa seed, grown without irrigation and returning between 500 and 600 pounds to the acre is reported from Arlington. A tract of land there formerly belonging to W. H. Strickland and now owned by the Arlington Improvement Company has been used for alfalfa for four years without water. A ditch was put in last year but was not used as the alfalfa grew just as well without the water. The land, of course, has certain natural advantages. It is about three-quarters of a mile from the Buckeye canal and the soil is loose. Two seed crops are gathered each year and beside the land is used for pasture.

Bisbee Miner: The call sent out from the city of Douglas and the

Sulphur Springs valley for drilling outfits was quickly answered out of Texas, and as a result the million acres of land adjacent to that city will be thoroughly tested for deep water within a few weeks. N. H. Graham, a man of twenty years experience in well drilling in Texas has already closed contracts for the Sulphur Springs and San Simon valleys, both of which will be watched with interest by ranchers and farmers as both will be thorough tests. Mr. Graham has returned to Fort Worth for the purpose of removing his outfits, including engines and drills, to Douglas.

Daily Globe: That both samples of water, one from the Old Dominion mine and the other from the city mains, sent to the University of Arizona at Tucson for analysis, proved to be unsatisfactory is the substance of the report from the university received by the special water committee last night. The analytical experts, however, think it probable that the unsanitary condition of the water may have been due to the manner in which the samples were prepared and have asked for samples, to be packed under directions and in tubes to be furnished by the college. The chemical tests were satisfactory but the bacteriological analyses were not.

Yuma Examiner: Well, there is a new industry springs up every day, and now A. H. Hartley, of San Diego is here and is talking of starting a dog ranch. No, not the fine blooded kind, but rather any old kind that he can get hold of, and he intends to get together about one hundred, anything from setters to yellow curs, and they are to be raised merely for their hides, and once or twice a year a bunch of them will be killed, skinned and their hides shipped to eastern markets, where they bring good prices. Dog hides are used in the manufacture of many leather novelties on account of their pliable nature, and while they are used more for gloves than anything else, they are sometimes employed in the manufacture of shoes, fancy harness, etc.,

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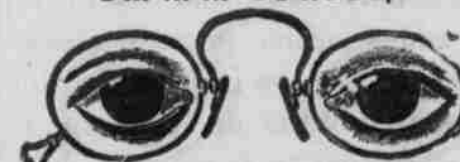
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